



CORONERS INQUEST



Inquest on James Jupe

Some consternation has been caused in and around Warminster by the news of the death of a farmer named James Jupe, of Kezeley Farm, Monkton Deverill, who was found shot on Saturday morning in one of his fields. From the inquest, conducted by Coroner Wilson, of Salisbury, on Monday, at the home of the deceased, it transpired that Mr Jupe had gone around the farm early on Saturday morning with his gun, as was his wont, and being subject to sudden attacks of giddiness, it is supposed that he placed the gun on the ground, with the muzzle pointing towards his head, when it suddenly went off, the charge entering his throat. He was subsequently found quite dead by a shepherd named Coward. After reviewing the evidence the jury were satisfied that deceased met his death as the result of an accident, and a verdict to that effect was returned.

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Warminster Tragedy

An inquest was held on Monday, at Kezeley Farm, Monkton Deverill, near Warminster, by Mr Coroner Wilson, touching the death of James Jupe, farmer, who was found shot through the head on Saturday morning.

It appeared that the deceased, who was subject to fits, was out with his gun early on Saturday morning, and being overcome by a fit, dropped the gun, which had a "hair trigger." The stock, falling to the ground, caused the gun to go off, the charge lodging in deceased's head, and causing instantaneous death. The jury of which the Rev. E. E. Caudwell was foreman, had no hesitation in returning a verdict of "Accidental death."

Deceased, who was a native of Mere, had only resided at Kezeley Farm for the past two years. He was a widower, aged 50, and leaves seven children, the six eldest being girls. Much sympathy is felt with the family in their sad bereavement, deceased having been highly respected by a wide circle of friends."

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